

To: Public Comment, LA County Redistricting

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I live north of Area C of the Ballona Wetlands, and would like to express my opinions on the proposed redistricting Map F4 for Los Angeles County. Portions of the proposed border between District 2 and District 3 should be adjusted.

Map F4 should be amended to include all of Playa del Rey (PDR) in District 2. This includes the area south of Ballona Creek and west of Lincoln Blvd.

The City's Neighborhood Council (NC) for Westchester/Playa represents both sides of Lincoln south of Ballona Creek. The Playa del Rey portion should be included with its existing neighbors, where it has a connection via the NC and the physical landscape. Map F4 currently includes PDR with Venice (north of Ballona Creek), but PDR is not physically connected with Venice except via a foot/bike bridge, or by water. Including PDR as part of District 2 makes sense.

Including the entirety of the Westchester/Playa NC area in District 2 would also mean including a portion of the Ballona Wetlands Reserve west of Lincoln in District 2. District 2 would then have most of the Wetlands and the related feeder creeks, and ideally have Staff to devote to this environmentally sensitive area.

As someone who has taken an active interest in the Ballona Wetlands and the proposed restoration, it is easier to deal with one office, and I assume easier for one Supervisor (and Staff) to be the recognized 'go to' office for the Ballona Wetlands. I hope the entire Board of Supervisors is currently taking an active interest in the proposed restoration and the responses of the Army Corps of Engineers et al, and I hope the entire Board will continue to take an active interest; but I suspect it might end up with one Supervisor having the main responsibility, and it makes sense that would be District 2.

Thank you,
Pat Allinson